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# **LETTER**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Chinese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The reference cited therein has been previously filed on July 6, 2004.

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